Decisions taken *at* a meeting between | India! and Bangladesh on the sharing of Ganga Waters

2607. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased t_0 stale what decisions have been take$_n$ ^{a}t meeting held at Delhi i> November, 1985, between the Water Re-source$_s$ Ministers $_0$f India and Bangladesh about sharing of Ganga waters?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA NAND). It was decided to hav$_e$ a *joint* | study by of the two sides of the | available water resources common to both countries, with a view to identifying > alternatives *tor* the sharing of the same & ratual benefit, including a long-term scheme {schemes for augmentation of the fow$_s$ of the Ganga at Faraika, and to share the Ganga Waters available at Farakka To, the nexl three dry season's.

Increase in demand of drinking water in Delhi doe I* rise in popalafles

2608. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT t* pleased to state;

(a) the extent to which drinking water, demand ha$_s$ been rising during the last three years in Delhi due to rise in popular lion and alround growth of the city and the extent to which the demand is being Met;

(b) what is the estimated loss of drinking water due to leakage from the dis-tribation systemlpublic hydrants etc.;

(c) whether any exercise has been made to assesg the water requirements by 1990 and 2001 keeping in view the increasing population; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating the perspective plan, if any, drawn up by Government to meet the demand and also ^ check the leakage in the dis tribution system and public hydrants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha. [

Funds for drinking water facilities

2609. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand of different States for fund allocation for provision «f drinking water during the Seventh Five-YeaT Plan period; and

(b) the extent to which S»ver»Meat heve made a provision in this rgingrBMwtf?

THE MINISTER OF STATU IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DBVELOP-MENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHAn ORAKAR): a) and (b) Water supply is a State subject. The Central ©ev«n-> Mont assists the States in pnrvidiig safe drinking water in (he rural areas nn-dtr the Accelerated Rnral Water Supply Programme (ARP). In the Seventh flan He following provision* hive bees made for the provision of drinking water in the rural areas:

1. States U.Ts. Plans	*Rs. in crores*
Rural Water Supply under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP)	2253.25
2. Central Plan	
Centrally Sponsored Accorlerated Rural Water Suply Programme (ARP)	1201.22

Production of wheat, oiI-sceds,pnIses etc.

2610. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANIC-KER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether wheat production has shown 15 percent increase during the las' few year$_s$ and there has been shortfall in sugarcane, pulses and oil-seeds;

(b) if so> the extent of shortfall in the production of these items; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE UEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA); (a) and (b) Production of wheat during 1984-85 at ***44.1%*** million tonnes is about 22 per cent higher tfcan the production level of 36.31 million tonnes during 1980-81, fie beginning year of Sixth Five Year Plan. During the same period, production of sugarcane, pulses and oilseeds have also increased by about 13, 15 and 40 per cent respectively.

(c) Steps taken to further increase the production of the above crop$_s$ include;—

1. maximisation of productivity in irrigated areas;

2. increase i$_n$ area under high yielding varieties;

3. timely and adequate supply of critical inputs including seeds, fertilisers, technology, plant protection measure:,, implements etc

4. increasing the intensity for cropping double|multiple cropping and inter-cropping for pulses;

5. intensification of research and extension efforts;

6.bringing additional area under duration varieties of moong, urad etc. and adoption of rnizobial culture;

7. launching of a Centrally sponsored National Oilseeds Development project in 1984-85, reorienting and integrating various oilseeds development scheme?, envisaging development of location specific traditional and non-traditional oilseeds; and

S. adoption of appropriate pricing M»d procurement policie$_s$ and adequate risk cover through crop insurant tor major ^{c}rop$_s$

Aerial spraying to combat pyrtBa

2611. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANI-ER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE he pleased to state:

la) whether Government propose to arrange for the aerial spray of pesticides in pyrilla affected anas of the country; a»d

(b) if so what arc the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATB IN TH» DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURB AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. the pyrilla pest is under control in all tie crops. Hence there i$ no need for spraying.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial as'istamce to water Supply i&hcmes under the Centrally Sponsored Programme

2612. SHRI J. K. JAIN; Will the Mnis-ter of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are villages having more than 20,000 population in Southern States of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that water supply schemes for these villages are financed by the Central Government under the Centrally sponsored programme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the villages having more than 5,000 population **are** notified as urban areas in the State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) whether these villages have beea given financial assistance for water snpphy schemes under the Centrally sponsored programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Water supply is a Stat© subject. The Central Government, however, assists the States in providing safe drinking water in the rural areas under the Accelerate* Rural Water Supply Programme **(ARP).**

(.c> Habitats which arc notified as urbaa areas are outside the rural area.

(d) Central assistance under ARP is restricted to the provision of drinking water in. rural areas only and what has been declared by the State Government to bo a,« area other than a rural area, cannot be covered under the Accidented Rural Water Supply Programme,